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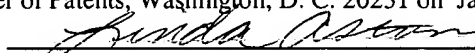
In re Application of: Adonis Stassinopoulos      Group No.      1651  
Serial No.      09/872,466      Examiner:      Jean C. Witz  
Filing Date:      May 31, 2001

For:      **PREPARATION OF A PATHOGEN INACTIVATED SOLUTION OF  
RED BLOOD CELLS HAVING REDUCED IMMUNOGENICITY**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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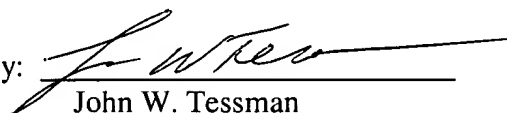
Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time to answer the outstanding Office Action mailed October 2, 2002 regarding the above-identified patent application. This extension will extend the time the response is due from November 2, 2002 to February 2, 2003.

Please deduct **\$465.00** from Deposit Account No. **19-4315** to cover the extension fee for filing a Response within the third month. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this petition or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **19-4315**.

Respectfully submitted  
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